

REMARKS


The claims have been amended to clarify the subject matter and remove multiple dependencies. The amendments and newly added claims do not add any new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132.

Early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CLEAN COPY OF CLAIMS AS AMENDED:

A1 (Amended) 3. The administration form as claimed in claim 1, wherein the individual active compound units are microspheres.

(Amended) 4. The administration form as claimed in claim 1, wherein the active compound present is an acid-labile proton pump inhibitor.

A2 (Amended) 6. The administration form as claimed in claim 1, wherein, in the mixture, one or more further excipients, selected from the group consisting of polymers, sterols and basic compounds, is/are present in the individual active compound units.

A3 (Amended) 10. The administration form as claimed in claim 1, which consists of suspensions, gels, tablets, coated tablets, multicomponent tablets, effervescent tablets, rapidly disintegrating tablets, powders in sachets, sugar-coated tablets, capsules or suppositories.

A4 (Amended) 13. The active compound unit as claimed in claim 11, wherein one or more further excipients, selected from the group consisting of polymers, sterols and basic compounds, is/are present in the matrix.

AM (Amended) 14. The active compound unit as claimed in claim 11,  
wherein the active compound present is an acid-  
labile proton pump inhibitor.

(Amended) 15. The active compound unit as claimed in claim 11,  
which consists of a microsphere having a particle  
size range of 50-800  $\mu\text{m}$ .

(Amended) 20. A microsphere, obtainable by a process as claimed  
in claim 18.

**MARKED UP COPY OF CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

- (Amended) 3. The administration form as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], wherein the individual active compound units are microspheres.
- (Amended) 4. The administration form as claimed in claim 1 [claims 1 to 3], wherein the active compound present is an acid-labile proton pump inhibitor.
- (Amended) 6. The administration form as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], wherein, in the mixture, one or more further excipients, selected from the group consisting of polymers, sterols and basic compounds, is/are present in the individual active compound units.
- (Amended) 10. The administration form as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], which consists of suspensions, gels, tablets, coated tablets, multicomponent tablets, effervescent tablets, rapidly disintegrating tablets, powders in sachets, sugar-coated tablets, capsules or suppositories.
- (Amended) 13. The active compound unit as claimed in claim 11 [or 12], wherein one or more further excipients, selected from the group consisting of polymers,

